



# Mainsheet

August 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

[www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org](http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org)

**Commodore:** *Mary Anne Secrist*

TSC Members and friends,

It finally feels like summer! Great air for sailing!

If you missed the West Marine Fun Regatta, it was a huge success. The kids from the Sailing Camp participated. Check out the TSC website Photo Gallery and this issue for pics of the kids racing. The Junior fleet is pumped. Sunday, August 19 we will set up a course for the TSC Junior Racers. Come watch from the BH veranda. See page 7 for Jr. Regatta news!

Another Small Boat Sailing Class completed last weekend. Thanks to Mike Klatt, Chad Cox, Marilyn Friend and all the other volunteers for jobs well done on all these events.

Lots is still to come. This Sunday, August 12th is a TSC Commodore Cup race at 1:30 at the BoatHouse. The OU NROTC Sailing Class starts Monday, August 13. This is a significant source of income for the BoatHouse and your help is a significant contribution. Volunteers are needed, see article on page four of this issue.

- Wednesday, Aug. 15th, 5:30 to 9:00pm
- Thursday, Aug 16th, 6:00 to 9:00pm
- Friday, Aug 17th, 2:30 to 9:00pm
- Thursday, Aug 23rd, 5:30 to 9pm

Contact Mike Klatt at [mdklatt@ou.edu](mailto:mdklatt@ou.edu) if you can help.

The TSC August membership meeting is Saturday, August 18 at 6:00pm at the BoatHouse. Bring a dish to enjoy in good company. Whew!! We're almost to sailing for fun season.

### Phone numbers you should know.

◇ BH Management/LTEF	447-4974
◇ BoatHouse Cell	990-5171
◇ Lake Patrol	425-2143
◇ Cleveland Co. Sheriff	321-8600
◇ TBird Park office	364-7634
◇ Little River Marina	office: 364-8335 cell: 823-5077

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**P.O. Box 1652**

**Norman, Oklahoma 73070**

Note: The TSC and BoatHouse are sharing this PO Box.

**Adela, the TSC membership will miss you!**

**Adela and grandson, Zach shown below**



We say a fond farewell to one of our own this week. Adela Rojas is moving to Austin to become full time caregiver to her new grandbaby, Zach. Adela's daughter, Maria, is an ophthalmologist (that means eye doctor). It's a win-win-win for Zach, his parents, and Adela. We'll have to be content with having a place to crash in Austin. Her new address is:

Adela Rojas

2716 Barton Creek Blvd., Apt 1512  
Austin, TX 78735

We thank Adela for all her service to TSC and sharing her joy of sailing with us. Remember the time she sailed across T-bird and forgot her centerboard????

**BELATED CREW ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
**Congrats to Alva Brockus and grandparents Phil and Diane Moershel. Ms. Sarah Brockus was 'launched' on 6/27/07.**

### Son of a Son of a Waterman

As most of my friends know, I was born the son, grandson, and great-grandson of Chesapeake Bay watermen. Some of you have even sailed on the Rebecca Ruark that is owned by my cousin, Wade Murphy, a grandson of my Great-Grandfather, Capt. James Henry Murphy of Tilghman's Island, Maryland. After Dad and then Mom passed away, I thought often about our lives (Mom/Dad/Sisters) on the Island and how most every workday had begun. Back in 2000 I attempted to put these thoughts in not too well conceived verse as follows:

In memory of Capt. John and Helen Cummings

<p>The clock strikes 4 a.m., again Seems like but yesterday His weary bones, so hard to rise But work awaits him, as he tries</p> <p>Stumbles into kitchen dark Turns on the crackling light Plugs in the coffee pot and waits Movement quickens, can't be late</p> <p>Turns on the radio's AM To hear the weather and the news Hopes the sound won't bother them Yes, here it is, Cambridge 'WCEM'</p> <p>His pills are sorted out so neat The juice to wash them down Where is she? Flickers through his brain Oh no, it can't be, no, not rain</p> <p>She moves into the kitchen now And checks out the coffee pot Bread and meat and bread again, as she completes her task Then looks at him and 'take your pills?' she asks</p> <p>"Yes, sweetheart", his kind voice responds "and the coffee's ready too" "Where's the Yoo Hoo, peanut butter cakes and the jelly krumpets?" "Oh yes", she says "and take the pickin's and don't forget</p>	<p>to dump it"</p> <p>"Yes, mother", he quietly ventures out As the eggs and toast slowly disappear A final cup of coffees down'd The matches for the cig's are found</p> <p>He walks silently into their room And gently pecks their cheeks Not to wake those angels now, best to let them rest Let mom do that, wake up the girls, surely she knows best</p> <p>Down the walk to Narrows pass Some other boats are late Rising sun seen to the east Another day on which to feast</p> <p>The engine cranks to life again Lines are dropped once more The Judy-Ann moves out so slow Flood tide again, 'tis the current's flow</p> <p>He turns back now and waves anew He whispers, "love you, too" She's standing on back step again And waves as well and goes back in</p> <p>Into the kitchen, just to check The light and thing's turned off And moves back through bedroom door To lie among their dreams once more</p>
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### 2007 Regattas, meetings, cruises, events!

Sat	Aug 18	6 p.m.	Club Meeting Program: <a href="#">Santana 20 Nationals</a>
Sun	Sept. 9	1:30 p.m	<a href="#">Commodore's Cup</a>
Sat	Sept. 15	6 p.m.	Pirate Day - Arrrrrh! No meeting program
Sat	Sept. 22	8am-3pm	C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing derby
Sun	Oct. 7	10 a.m.	Layton Regatta
Sat	Oct. 20	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sun	Nov. 4	10 a.m.	<a href="#">Hiram Douglas Regatta</a>
Sat	Nov. 17	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sat	Dec. 8	6 p.m.	Holiday Party Trophy presentations, new officer installation

### LTEF NEWS Roger Elliott, President

An LTEF committee is developing the policy and guidelines for the Dave Shumake Endowment Scholarship. We hope to have the policies and guidelines completed in time to make a selection for 2007. When Dave Shumake provided the initial gift to fund the Endowment, he expressed his wishes that the earnings from the Endowment be used as the LTEF saw fit including funding of scholarships for worthy candidates.

We express our appreciation to all those who have donated to the Dave Shumake Endowment and to those who continue to do so, some on a monthly schedule.

The LTEF is pleased to see what has been accomplished over the past ten years. It is hard to believe that the BoatHouse has been in operation now for over five years even though it seems like 20 years for some. The Thunderbird Sailing Club's idea to create a community sailing center has far exceeded anyone's dreams at the outset. From working through the requirements of several Federal, State, and Local agencies, to the development of partnerships with many local non-profits, the LTEF has built a legacy that will continue to support our wonderful sport of sailing, boating safety, fishing, and the Thunderbird State Park community.

On behalf of the LTEF Board and all our partners, thank you for your continued financial gifts and especially your volunteer hours that are so critical to our mission.

**Vice-Commodore: Ted Streuli**

Well sailors, from flooding wet cool weather to incessant heat and drought, guess that's Oklahoma huh?

As you know, we passed on last month's meeting with the West Marine Fun Regatta scheduled the same day. We thought maybe a few would hang around for a late afternoon sail, but after the kids and families left and the BoatHouse was cleaned up, everyone was ready to head home, cool off, and relax. Congratulations to everyone concerned for a terrific event.

This month's meeting will consist of a short meeting and a long social hour or two. Please bring your favorite dish and stories to share with your sailing friends and enjoy the A/C or the evening on the verandah.

Programs have been difficult to schedule during the summer but we will get back in sync come fall.



On Friday night, 8/3, Mary Ann with Marilyn Friend, aboard the Oh Yeah, and Les Cummings along with principal instructor, Mike Klatt aboard the Enya, took our sailing candidates, Rob and Amy Arrington and Tom Uglean for a keel-boat class sail. Tom (in background) is the father of TSC Jr. Team member and sailing camp grad, Tommy Uglean.

**August/September Happy Birthdays!**

Les Anderson	8/04
Betsey Streuli	8/05
Barbara Boren	8/15
Cheryl Brackett	8/21
Rick Eager	8/28
Marilyn Friend	9/01
Wayne Lively	9/06
Mary Anne Secrist	9/13
Kerry Knowles	9/17
Robert Anderson	9/22
Angela Kasbohm	9/23
Larry Hamilton	9/29
Ray Psikal	9/30

If your Aug/Sep Birthday is missing from this list please contact Dave Craigie at:

[incipient@msn.com](mailto:incipient@msn.com)

or by phone at:

**741-2555**

**Treasurer: Dave Craigie**

**Greetings Sailors,**

**If you have paid you 2007 TSC dues, please do not read the following.**

**I hate to keep commenting on it but there are still a few members who have failed to renew their TSC dues for the current year. It is August now and soon renewal notices will be sent out for 2008. If you are receiving this Mainsheet and would still like to be a member of the Thunderbird Sailing Club, it is not too late to renew your membership. Your support is needed. I can help. Please get in touch with me. Thank you very much!!!**

**Balance on 7-1-07** **\$5,173.30**

**Checks written** **\$528.41**  
**Deposits** **296.00**

**Balance 8-1-07** **\$4,940.89**



*'Catch A Special Thrill'*  
C.A.S.T. For Kids Foundation

The 2007 CAST for Kids Fishing Derby for handicapped children will be held on Saturday September 22 at the BoatHouse. This is one of the best community events held at the BH on an annual basis. Please come out and lend a hand, help recruit a fisherman and boat, or donate a financial gift to help cover expenses. If information is needed, please contact Les Cummings (823-2342) or Chad Cox (329-8860).

## **2007 JERRY LAYTON REGATTA**

### **Sunday, October 7**

*The 15th Annual Jerry Layton Regatta will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Our usual format is to enlist 5 Catalina 22's, 5 TSC experienced skippers, and 15 crew. The crew members do not need to be experienced and this format gives new sailors a chance to participate in racing in a fun and learning environment. The skippers race on a different boat each race and the crew stays aboard the same boat. Fundraiser for our committee boat and fees are \$25 to skipper and \$15 to crew. Contact Les Cummings at 823-2342 or at [les-cummings@omrf.org](mailto:les-cummings@omrf.org).*

***FINAL CLASSES OF THE YEAR:  
OU NROTC (OUR BIGGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT CLASS OF THE YEAR)  
Mike Klatt: Principal Instructor***

**ALL HANDS ON DECK**

The NROTC class is scheduled for August 13-17 (M-F) and 23 (Th). There will be approximately 30 students, so we need all the help we can get. This class is a SUBSTANTIAL portion of the BoatHouse income for the year, and the NROTC unit is a valued customer, so we need to give our best effort.

**MONDAY (AUG 13), 1630-2100 (OU Armory)**

Lecture only. I am prepared to do all of the classroom lectures if necessary, but it would be nice to spread it around. The scheduling for this day is flexible, so you can arrive late or leave early if necessary.

**TUESDAY (AUG 14), 1630-2100 (OU Armory)**

Lecture plus everything that doesn't need to be done at the BoatHouse. We'll have different stations set up for this (knot tying, "chair drill" for tacking/jibing, rigging, etc.) so we'll need several people for this.

I am thinking about using a BH Sunfish in the rigging demonstration in addition to the Navy Lasers. If so, I will need a volunteer to tow a SF to the Armory before Tuesday evening (Monday would be fine) and to return it to the BoatHouse before class on Wednesday.

**WEDNESDAY (AUG 15), 1830-2100 (BoatHouse)**

From this point on, the class will be split into two groups. Each group will do their on-the-water training on alternating days. Even so, 15-16 people on the water at a time is going to take A LOT of volunteers. The Navy will have their jon boat on the water, but we'll also need at least one and possibly two BH safety boats. That alone will require 2-4 volunteers. We'll need 7-8 additional volunteers for accompanied sails on this day. That's 9-12 volunteers needed today.

**THURSDAY (AUG 16), 1800-2100 (BoatHouse)**

This will be a repeat of Wednesday with the second group. 9-12 volunteers.

**FRIDAY (AUG 17), 1430-2100 (BoatHouse)**

Wednesday's group returns to hopefully finish up all their skill verifications. They will be sailing solo, so we'll need at least two and ideally all three BH safety boats on the water (4-6 volunteers). We'll also need additional volunteers coaching from whatever spare sailboats we have, or possibly accompanying students who aren't comfortable on their own yet. The more the merrier, say 9-12 volunteers again.

**THURSDAY (AUGUST 23), 1530-2100 (BoatHouse)**

Same as Friday the 17th, but with different group. 9-12 volunteers.

***FINAL BASIC KEELBOAT CLASS FOR 2007!***

***Will have between 4 and 8 students!***

**Principal Instructor: Rick Shaw**

I have scheduled a US Sailing Basic Keelboat class to be held at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse beginning August 31st. It will include two Friday evening classroom sessions (Aug 31 & Sept. 7) and at least two on the water sessions usually run on the following Sundays. (weather permitting)

- ◇ The certification costs \$250 which includes a one year membership to US Sailing.
- ◇ The max class size is 8 and I have 4 signed up already. If you would like to sign up for this fall class, call me at 405-306-8597.
- ◇ Also, if any of the Level One Instructors would like to participate in this Keelboat class to prepare for their Keelboat Instructor certification, call me for an assignment or send email to shaw9939@sbcglobal.net.

## West Marine Fun Regatta 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club and the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse were hosts to one of four nationally sponsored events for 2007. The Lake Thunderbird event is the only inland-lake West Marine Fun Regatta, with the others being held at large coastal yacht clubs located in California and Maryland.

This was our 5<sup>th</sup> annual West Marine Fun Regatta and we could not have been more pleased with the event. Considering the flooding conditions throughout Oklahoma and other youth events scheduled on the same day, we were very pleased with the turnout. This is the first time that we've had all regatta participants from our annual summer Kids Sailing Camp program. The race committee members were very impressed with our young sailors!

Nearly 30 members of the Thunderbird Sailing Club volunteered their time and expertise to run a terrific event. From the registration, food, prizes, sailing clinic, sailing regatta, and on-shore/near-shore events, everything ran like clockwork.

The winds were just as we would have wished for, some 5-10 knots from the SSE allowing the reaching course to be laid out in plain view of all the parents, friends, and siblings on shore at the BoatHouse. The PRO, Phil Moershel and his Race Committee crew held 5 short well-run races in near perfect conditions. Karen Thurston provided an excellent racing clinic, Roger Elliott and crew prepared a delicious dinner, Barbara Schindler headed up the registration desk, Mike Klatt handled the harbormaster duties, and many other volunteers provided much needed help. At one time we had nearly 70 people on site participating, helping or watching the regatta. Results follow:

### Optimist/Pram:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Christian Swinhart	9 pts.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tommy Uglean	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joel Heldreth	16
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tamara Scott	17
5 <sup>th</sup>	Delanie Beevers	22

### Sunfish:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sky Dalrymple	10pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Raymond Glover	12*
by tiebreaker		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Savage	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reed Shafer-Ray	18

### Swimming (with PFD)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cordell Glover
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gehrig Thurston
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashlyn Obermiller
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Tyler
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Tyler
6 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Gabbard
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Thurston

### Raingutter sailing:

1st Place	Ellie Thurston
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brayden Swinhart
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Mellgren
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gehrig Thurston
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Tyler
6 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Tyler
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ashlyn Obermiller
8 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Gabbard
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cordell Glover
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Knowles

### Kayaking:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cordell Glover
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gehrig Thurston
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Gabbard
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Thurston
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Tyler
6 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Tyler

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PHOTOS FROM THE REGATTA**

We thank Bob Haeslet, local West Marine Store Manager, and of course Meg Sparling, Grants and Public Relations Coordinator and Laurie Fried, Director of Public Relations and Grants, from West Marine Headquarters in Watsonville, California who worked closely with me again this year to make sure all the prizes and gifts were delivered on time.

For all your boating needs, please be sure to visit the local West Marine Store and tell Bob how much we appreciate their support!

**West Marine is located at: 2727 NW Expressway St Oklahoma City, OK 73112-7047 PHONE: 405-848-2634**

# West Marine Fun Regatta 2007



**Parents and sailors:**

Since we had such an enthusiastic bunch of kids at the West Marine Fun Regatta, it seemed a shame to wait until next year for another race. I am happy to announce that the Thunderbird Sailing Club has scheduled a kid's race for Sunday, August 19th (that's right, the last day of summer vacation in Norman). The skipper's meeting will be at 1:30 and the start on the water at 2:00. Be at the BoatHouse by 12:30 to register and rig your boat.

We will use the Sunfish, Optimis and Prams. There will be a \$5.00 fee, excepting paid-up Jr. Team members, to help cover expenses. Parents will need to sign a release.

We will have the pontoon boat and two safety boats out so we should be able to accommodate several parents as spectators and volunteers. Phil Moershel has graciously agreed to run the race. If you have not raced before, don't worry, this is a beginner's race, with most of the course on a beam reach. Prior to the race we will review the course directions, start sequence and flags. Staff in the safety boats will be able to provide some coaching. We will probably have 3 short races immediately followed by de-rigging and a quick awards ceremony.



Jrs. rounding the mark  
at the West Marine Fun  
Regatta!

Bring your PFD and expect to get wet. It will be Hot!

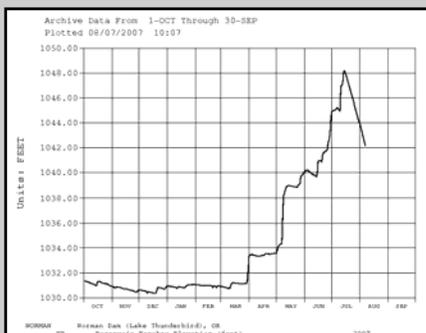
Let me know if you can make it. If you are a parent who wants to help, contact me. For more pictures, and the results from the West Marine Regatta go to <http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org/>  
Paul Reynolds, T-bird Jr. Team Coordinator, 292-5364.

## Lake Thunderbird Report

After the drought last year and early this year we have been inundated with rain through July. As August begins, the rains have ceased and the pleasant cool weather is turning into the usual late summer heat wave again.

For the past several weeks the lake has been discharging water downstream at the rate of some 940 cubic feet per second. At press time (August 7) we are at 1042 and falling. Only 3' over the normal 1039' lake height. We estimate the lake will be at 1039 within a week and hopefully not start to move toward that 9' down problem we've had for the last year or so. Our major problem has been the dock which will need to be repaired. We did prove that the BoatHouse had been built above the dam overflow height!

Following is a graph showing the water height since October '06 to present:



The photo above on right was taken of Thunderbird's overflow drain by Mrs. Betty Gatewood (Sailing Vessel Ananda). It shows that the lake level was about 6 to 9 inches from discharging over the huge drain just west of the dam which would have been the first time that would have happened.

## August Club Meeting

*Saturday, August 18, 2007*

*6PM*

*Bring a favorite dish!*



## 2007 Executive Committee

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### Meet your 2007 TSC officers!

On the left are the 2007 TSC officers: From the left, Phil Moershel, Fleet Captain; Tim Agin, Secretary; Kerry Knowles, Rear Commodore; David Craigie, Treasurer; Mary Anne Secrist, Commodore; Corbett Brown, Past-Commodore; and Ted Streuli, Vice-Commodore.

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